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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 29, 2005, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a process, classified in class 264, subclass 29.6.
- II. Claims 14 and 15, drawn to a product or component, classified in class 106, subclass 472.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-13. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 14 and 15 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3270 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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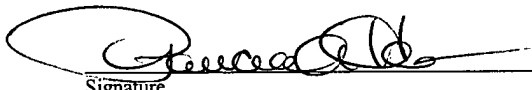
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